

SUBJECT: United Farm Workers et al.

FILE: 44- 63337

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation

DATE: JAN 14 1975

JSP:MWH:MHC:grh
DJ 144-8-383

FROM : J. Stanley Pottinger
Assistant Attorney General
Civil Rights Division

SUBJECT: [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] b7c
[REDACTED] b7D
and others unknown;
United Farm Workers Union
Lemon Groves Strike - Victims
Conspiracy Against Rights - Summary Punishment
CIVIL RIGHTS

Please find attached copies of newspaper articles in connection with a civil suit filed by the United Farm Workers against [REDACTED] b7c

Additionally, information has been received by this Division alleging possible violations of federal civil rights statutes, including 18 U.S.C. 241 and 242 in connection with alleged violence and brutality directed against striking farm workers by [REDACTED] b7c
No details or specific instances are known at this time.

Please, therefore, conduct the following:

1. Advise whether any complaints from alleged victims have been received by the Bureau and whether any investigation has been or is being conducted in connection with this matter.

2. Obtain copies of all pleadings filed in the United Farm Workers' civil suit and monitor local developments in connection with this litigation.

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TO: SAC, Phoenix

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From: Director, FBI 44 -

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[REDACTED] OTHERS UNKNOWN;
UNITED FARM WORKERS UNION
LEMON GROVES STRIKE - VICTIMS
CONSPIRACY AGAINST RIGHTS -
SUMMARY PUNISHMENT
CIVIL RIGHTS
BUDED: 1/31/75

1 - [REDACTED]
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Enclosed are two copies of a self-explanatory Departmental letter dated
1/14/75, with enclosures.

Complete the requested investigation in accordance with the provisions of
Section 27, Volume II, Manual of Instructions, and surep within 14
days of the receipt of this communication.

State in the first paragraph of the details of your report that it contains the results
of a ☒ limited investigation and underscore the word ☒ limited
☐ preliminary ☐ preliminary

Advise ☒ all persons interviewed
☒ appropriate officials at the outset that this investigation is being
conducted at the specific request of the U. S. Department of Justice.

Remarks:

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Airtel to SAC. PX

RE: [REDACTED]

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NOTE: CRD, USDJ, requests investigation of alleged violations of brutality directed against striking farm workers by the [REDACTED] b7c/d

This instructs PX Division to advise whether or not any complaints have been received and to obtain copies of all pleadings filed in the United Farm Workers civil suit and to monitor local developments in connection with this litigation.

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TO DIRECTOR

FROM PHOENIX (44-802) (P)

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
COMMUNICATIONS SECTION

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AND OTHERS UNKNOWN; UNITED FARM WORKERS UNION, LEMON GROVES
STIRKE- VICTIMS. CONSPIRACY AGAINST RIGHTS- SUMMARY PUNISHMENT;
CIVIL RIGHTS. OO: PX.

REPXREP OF SA [REDACTED] JAN 29, 1975.

ON JAN 31, 1975, CESAR CHAVEZ, PRESIDENT, UNITED FARM
WORKERS (UFW) IN A SPEECH GIVEN TO UFW MEMBERS, SAN LUIS, ARIZONA
COMPLAINED THAT [REDACTED] PERSONNEL
WERE USING [REDACTED] IN DEALING WITH YUMA AREA PICKETS.
CHEVEZ THREATENED TO CALL GENERAL AGRICULTURAL STIRKE UNLESS
[REDACTED] SPEAKING AT NEWS CONFERENCE
LATER SAME DAY, CHAVEZ STATED " WE HAVE DOCUMENTED EVIDENCE THAT
[REDACTED]. LATER AT RALLY, [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] STATED THAT \$110,000
LAW SUIT AGAINST [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] WAS FILED AT YUMA COUNTY CLERK'S OFFICE,
YUMA, ARIZONA. LAW SUIT WAS FILED ON BEHALF OF SEVEN UFW PICKETS.

END PG ONE

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Note Pursuant to the
2/4/75 conversation with
Mr. [REDACTED]

no
further investigation being
conducted unless specifically
requested by the Dept.
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IT ALLEGES [REDACTED] b7c

STATED. CHAVEZ, WHEN QUESTIONED FURTHER CONCERNING PICKET
ACTIVITIES IN YUMA AREA EXPRESSED DISPLEASURE WITH YUMA COUTNY
COURT SYSTEM SAYING IT WAS RULED BY POLITICS.

LHM WITH ENCLOSURES WILL FOLLOW.

UACB PX CONDUCTING NO INVESTIGATION.

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Date: 2/10/75

Transmit the following in PLAINTEXT
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To: Director, FBI

ATTENTION: **[REDACTED]**
☒ GENERAL INVESTIGATIVE DIVISION
☒ CIVIL RIGHTS SECTION
☐ CRIMINAL SECTION
☐ INTELLIGENCE DIVISIONFrom: SAC, PHOENIX (44-802) (C)Subject: **[REDACTED]** and **[REDACTED]** b7c

RePXNitel 2/3/75.

Others Unknown;

① United Farm Workers Union

Lemon Groves Strike - VICTIMS, CONSPIRACY AGAINST RIGHTS -
SUMMARY PUNISHMENT; CR 00: PX

☒ CR ☐ EL ☐ DIH ☐ CRA-64 ☐ PA ☐ PE ☐ PF ☐ E

☐ DAMV ☐ DAMV-FR ☐ CAA ☐ AP ☐ IWFC ☐ CWAA ☐ FI

☐ EID ☐ Bomb Threats ☐ Extremist Matters ☐ White Hate ☐ Black

Summary of Complaint:

On 1/31/75, CESAR CHAVEZ, President, United Farm Workers, in a speech given to UFW members, San Luis, Arizona, complained that **[REDACTED]** personnel were using **[REDACTED]** in dealing with ruma area pickets.

INDICES: ☐ Negative ☐ See Summary

ACTION: UACB:

☒ No further action being taken and
enclosed

☐ FD-376 (Enc. to LHM)

☐ LHM being submitted

☐ Report being submitted

☐ Preliminary investigation instituted

☐ Limited investigation instituted

☐ Investigation continuing

2 - Bureau (Enc. 2)

1 - Phoenix

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Copy to: ☒ USA Tucson, AZ

☐ Secret Service

☐ ATF

Approved: **[Signature]**

Sent

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Per

Special Agent in Charge

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

Phoenix, Arizona
February 10, 1975

[REDACTED] and
Others Unknown;
United Farm Workers Union
Lemon Groves Strike - Victim

On [REDACTED] advised that
Cesar Chavez, President of the United Farm Workers,
appeared in San Luis, Arizona, and had made in a
public speech a number of allegations concerning
[REDACTED] advised that the account
written by [REDACTED] reflected to the best
of his knowledge what had transpired during the speech.

[REDACTED], an article entitled,
[REDACTED] is Chavez' Complaint During Speech
in San Luis "Thursday" appeared in the [REDACTED]
of [REDACTED] a copy of which is enclosed.

On [REDACTED] an article entitled,
[REDACTED] appeared in the
[REDACTED] dated [REDACTED] a copy of
which is enclosed.

On [REDACTED] County Clerk,
Yuma County, Yuma, Arizona, made available a suit filed
against [REDACTED] by the United Farm Workers,
a copy of which is enclosed.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

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DATE: MAR 13 1975

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Assistant Attorney General
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[REDACTED] b7c
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Reference is made to your memorandum dated February 18, 1975 enclosing a letterhead memorandum dated February 10, 1975 at Phoenix in the captioned matter, which bears your Field Office file number PX 44-802.

This report contains a pleading filed by plaintiff Farm Workers against [REDACTED] in State Court. Inasmuch as allegations are made against [REDACTED] whose conduct may have constituted violations of federal law, 18 U.S. §242, please conduct the following additional investigation.

1. Contact Attorney James Rutkowski and make arrangements to interview [REDACTED] concerning the allegations in the civil suit.

2. Continue to monitor status of federal suit pending before three-judge district court. Advise whether a decision in the case is soon to be forthcoming.



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From: Director, FBI

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 LEMON GROVES STRIKE - VICTIM
 SUMMARY PUNISHMENT -
 CIVIL RIGHTS

RePXairtel and LHM, 2/10/75.

Enclosed are two copies of a self-explanatory Departmental letter dated

3/13/75.

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 conducted at the specific request of the U. S. Department of Justice.

Remarks:

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 into circumstances of a ☒ limited
 the latter being members of the UFW, during
 January, 1975.

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REPORTING OFFICE PHOENIX	OFFICE OF ORIGIN PHOENIX	DATE 3/27/75	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD 3/21 - 3/25/75
TITLE OF CASE [REDACTED] ET AL; LEMON GROVES STRIKE - VICTIM		REPORT MADE BY [REDACTED]	TYPED BY lme
		CHARACTER OF CASE SUMMARY PUNISHMENT-CIVIL RIGHTS	

REFERENCE: Bureau airtel dated 3/18/75.

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ENCLOSURES TO BUREAU:

Two copies each of Amended Complaint, Order of Court and Docket Sheet.

EXP. PROC.

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CONVIC.	FUG.	FINES	SAVINGS	RECOVERIES			
							PENDING OVER ONE YEAR <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO PENDING PROSECUTION OVER SIX MONTHS <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Copy to: 1 - U.S. Attorney, Phoenix (Encl.-3)

Report of: [REDACTED] Office: PHOENIX b7c
Date: March 27, 1975
Field Office File #: 44-802 Bureau File #: 44-63337
Title: [REDACTED] b7c
ET AL;
LEMON GROVES STRIKE - VICTIM

Character: SUMMARY PUNISHMENT - CIVIL RIGHTS

Synopsis: Attorney, Yuma, Arizona, declined to allow individuals to be interviewed. Court records reviewed.

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ENCLOSURES TO U.S. ATTORNEY:

One copy each of Amended Complaint, Order of Court and Docket Sheet.

DETAILS:

This investigation is predicated on receipt of Departmental letter dated March 13, 1975, requesting investigation in this matter.

AT YUMA, ARIZONA

This is a limited investigation.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

1Date of transcription 3/24/75

Attorney JAMES RUTKOWSKI representing the United Farm Workers (UFW), Yuma, Arizona, was contacted concerning making arrangements to interview [REDACTED] b7c

[REDACTED]. RUTKOWSKI stated the matter was presently pending in Federal District Court, Phoenix, Arizona and he would not allow these individuals to be interviewed by the FBI at this time inasmuch as the matter has greatly "calmed down" in the Yuma area and it was his belief that an interview would only "heat up the situation."

Interviewed on 3/20/75 at Yuma, Arizona File # Phoenix 44-802
by SA [REDACTED] b7c [REDACTED] rfd Date dictated 3/21/75

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1Date of transcription 3/24/75

Yuma County Attorney MICHAEL SMITH advised that the civil suit filed by United Farm Workers in State Court had been filed through the proper channels; however, that all parties concerned had never been served and that it was his belief that the United Farm Workers would withdraw the State action in favor of a Federal decision concerning this matter.

Interviewed on 3/21/75 at Yuma, Arizona File # Phoenix 44-802
by SA [REDACTED] b7c [REDACTED] rfd Date dictated 3/21/75

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Date of transcription 3/27/751

[REDACTED] b7C

On [REDACTED] Order issued by Court of Appeals, 9th Circuit, stating Amended Complaint filed by Plaintiffs, which omits challenges to constitutionalities of any state statutes. Case was referred back to U.S. District Court, Phoenix, Arizona, and three-judge court vacated. b2C

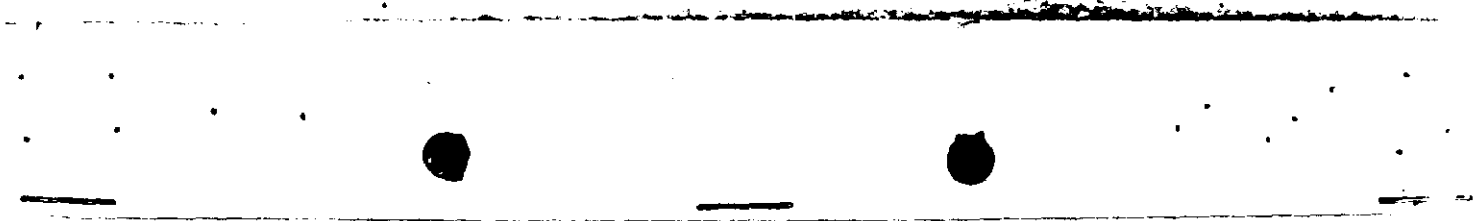
Copies of Amended Complaint, above Order of Court and current Docket Sheet obtained.

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by SC [REDACTED] :lme Date dictated 3/26/75
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